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- Bao Dai intends to remain in France until the French Government consedes greater and more genuine independence to Viet Nam. The chances of the French granting these concessions in the near future appear slight.
- Bao Dai has little confidence in Prime Minister Tran Van Huu, and regards 2. him as a financial administrator rather than as a statesman. Huu is expected to return to Viet Nam in about one month. It is believed that he will be forced to resign, however, because of his failure to obtain the measures sought by the Vietnamese at the Pau Conference.
- The Vietnamese consider the Pau Conference a complete failure, because the principal issue of customs and customs duties has not been resolved to their satisfaction.
- Bao Dai respects French High Commissioner Pignon, and feels that he understands the problems facing Viet Nam. He also feels that Pignon is inclined to grant certain concessions to the Vietnamese, but is prevented from doing so by the French Government.

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